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MR. IZUMI.
WE'VE GOT SOMETHING.
WE BELIEVE THIS BUILDING MIGHT BY OWNED BY A TEETH MEMBER.
IT'S IN THE EAST 9TH DISTRICT.
MM-HM.
ARE YOU SURE, SIR?
THEN LET'S SEND COMMANDER MOCHIZUKI A REPORT THAT WE'VE FOUND THE COURIERS' HIDEOUT.
IF THE INFAMOUS SQUAD ZERO GETS SENT IN...
THAT GIRL... MIGHT NOT COME OUT IN ONE PIECE.

RESCUING ONE LITTLE GIRL...
IS *NOT* OUR OBJECTIVE.

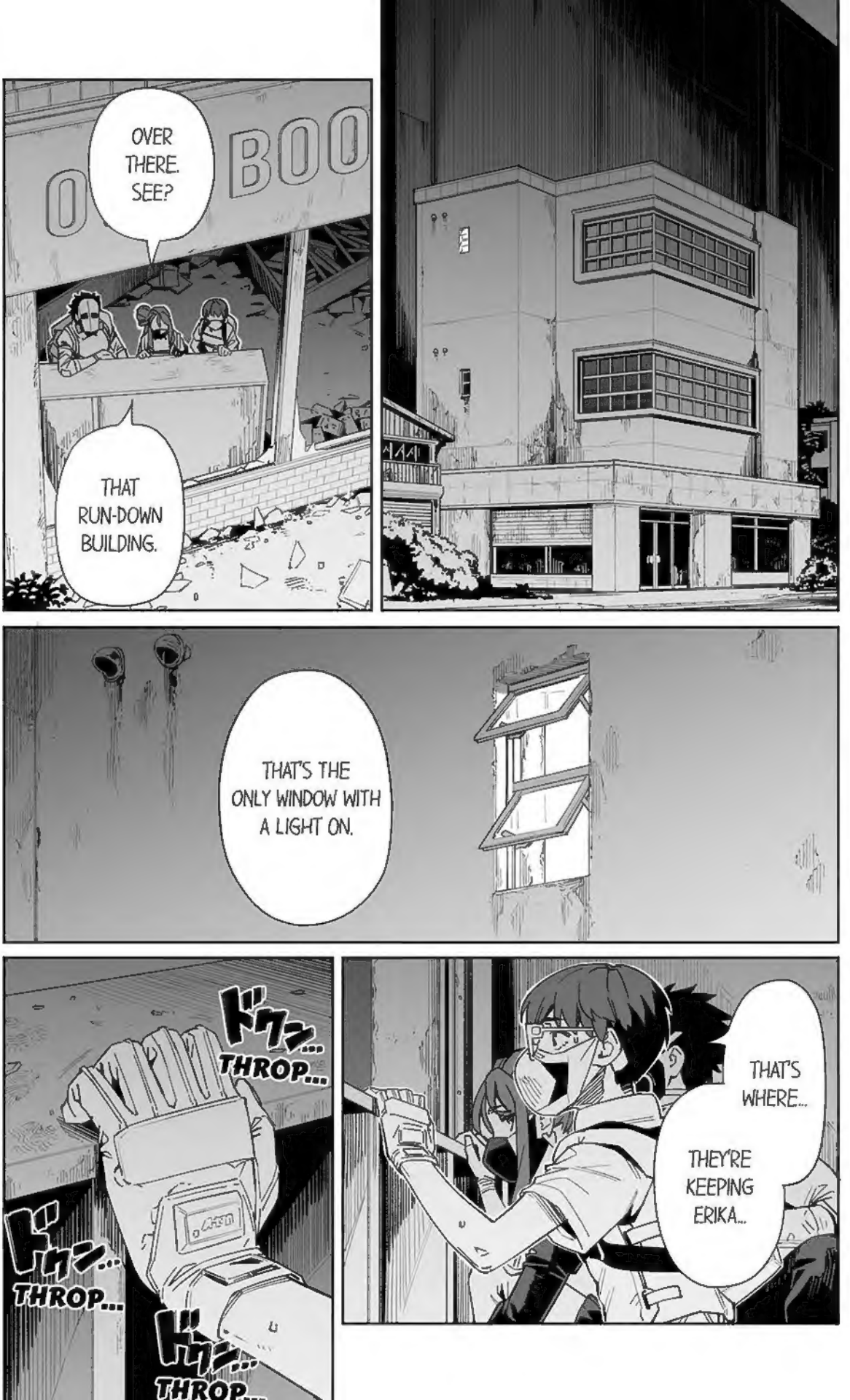
HE'S TERRIFYING.

SO?
WHERE IS THEIR HIDEOUT?
GIVE ME A SEC.
EAST 9TH DISTRICT
TAXT
I FOUND AN ABANDONED BUILDING OWNED BY AN ANTI-MASKER ACTIVIST, UNDER A FALSE NAME.
HOW CAN YOU TELL?
!

WHMMMMM!
SKRCH
SKRCH

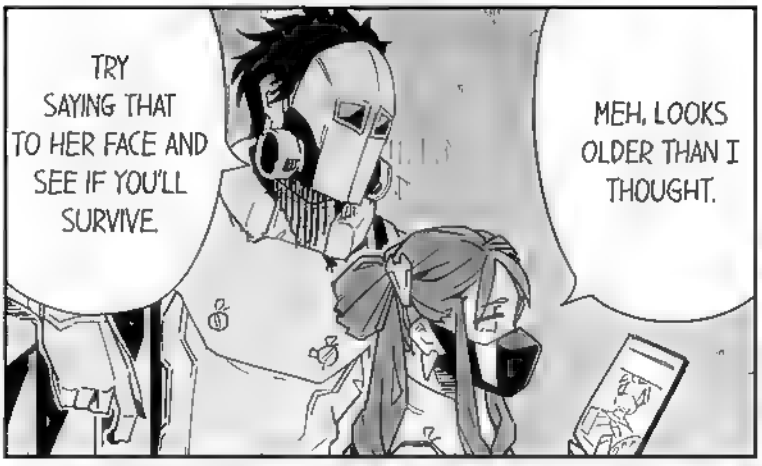
SCREEEEECH
SCREEEEECH

WERE THOSE SWEEPER ARMORED CARS...!?
THEY'RE BLOWING EVERYTHING IN THEIR PATH AWAY...
BWAM
BWAM
WHAM!
SCREEECH!
THOSE ARE THE PHANTOMS.
YOUR FRIEND IS RUNNING OUT OF TIME.
WE NEED TO PICK UP THE PACE, HATA.
GOT IT!

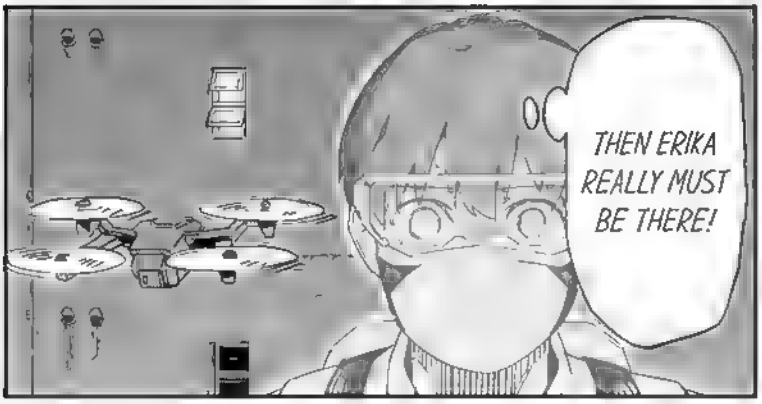

OVER THERE. SEE?
THAT RUN-DOWN BUILDING.
THAT'S THE ONLY WINDOW WITH A LIGHT ON.
ドクン... THROP...
ドクン... THROP...
ドクン... THROP...
THAT'S WHERE...
THEY'RE KEEPING ERIKA...

TAP
LOOKS LIKE THE PHANTOMS ARE STAYING QUIET FOR NOW.
HATA. SEND OUT THE DRONE AND HAVE A LOOK.
O-OKAY!
WHRRR
SHWOOM!
WHOA!
OWL BOOKS

SWSH
SWSH
HOW IS IT?
DRONE WORKING OKAY?
YEAH.
IT REALLY FEELS LIKE I'M HOLDING A CONTROLLER IN MY HAND.
THERE...!
THAT'S THE WOMAN I TALKED ABOUT!


TRY SAYING THAT TO HER FACE AND SEE IF YOU'LL SURVIVE.
MEH. LOOKS OLDER THAN I THOUGHT.

THERE YOU ARE... KARIN.
THAT'S HER?


THEN ERIKA REALLY MUST BE THERE!

HATA.
GIVE US A BIRDS-EYE VIEW OF THE AREA.
WHMMMM
OKAY!
KARIN...
I'M GOING TO STOP YOU...
LET'S GO...!
BEFORE IT'S TOO LATE!
NO. I'M GOING IN ALONE FIRST.
SO? SEE ANYTHING?
NO...!
NOTHING!
WHMMMM

...
LEAVE IT TO ME.
IF THE PHANTOMS MAKE A MOVE WHILE I'M IN THERE TALKING THINGS OUT WITH THE COURIERS, LET ME KNOW.
CAN YOU DO THAT FOR ME?
ZWISH

KARIN.
FOR SOMEONE WHO JUST GOT KIDNAPPED...
SHE SURE SLEEPS LIKE A BABY.
KA-CHAK
I TOLD YOU.
DON'T GET ATTACHED.
YOU'RE GETTING TOO INVOLVED WITH HER.
NO MATTER HOW MUCH YOU BABY THIS GIRL...
IT WON'T BRING HER BACK.

?
I'M VERY WELL AWARE...
STOP...!
LET'S NOT TALK ABOUT THAT.
SHIT.
WE'VE GOT A GUEST.

CREAK...
EW
WHAT'S THE DEAL WITH THE UGLY MASK?
LickOnLips
KOH.
I KNEW YOU'D SHOW UP.
TEETH
EVEN IF YOU'RE WEARING THAT, WE CAN TELL IT'S YOU..

...YEAH.
LOOKS LIKE...
HE GOT TO THE COURIERS.
YEAH.
NICE TO SEE YOU AGAIN.
HAHA!
THAT'S HOW YOU SAY HELLO AFTER WE HAVEN'T MET FOR SO LONG?
IS IT JUST ME, OR DID YOUR LOVELY CURVES GET EVEN LOVELIER SINCE I LAST SAW YOU?
DAMN IT, KOH.
YOU'RE NOT THERE TO MAKE FRIENDS.
TRYING NOT TO GAIN WEIGHT IS A REAL CHALLENGE.
BUT I GUESS...
COMPARED TO THE OUT-SIDE, WE'RE IN HEAVEN HERE.

I'M HERE TO STOP YOU.
YOU CAN'T.
LET'S END IT THERE.
YOUR PLAN HAS ALREADY WORKED. THERE'S GOING TO BE A HUGE OUTBREAK.
WHY ISN'T THAT ENOUGH?
YOU KNOW AS WELL AS I DO... THAT I WON'T BE SATISFIED WITH JUST THAT.

I KNOW!
TRUST ME, I DO!
SHWIP
KARIN!
YOU'RE IMPORTANT TO ME...
DON'T WANT TO HAVE TO LOSE YOU!
BUT I STILL...
WE'RE SUPPOSED TO BE FRIENDS!

FWOO!
CHK
BWAM
BWOOSH
TURN

KA
POW
SWISH
KOH...
YOU NEVER CHANGE.
HFF...
HFF...
REIJI!
NICE TO SEE YOU'RE STILL KICKING TOO.
NGH!
SKI
HH
HH
HH
IIID
HH

I LOOKED UP TO YOU AS IF YOU WERE MY REAL BROTHER
RESPECTED YOU MORE THAN ANYONE IN THE WORLD.
BUT EVEN THOUGH YOU CALL US YOUR PRECIOUS FRIENDS...
THERE'S SOMEONE WHO'S ALWAYS BEEN EVEN MORE IMPORTANT TO YOU.
YOUR LITTLE BROTHER, WHO FOUND REFUGE...
INSIDE THE WALL.
AND IT'S STILL THE SAME...
YOU'D CHOOSE HIM...
OVER THE FRIENDS WHO SURVIVED HELL WITH YOU.

YOU DON'T EVEN KNOW IF HE'S ALIVE!
BUT YOU'D BETRAY US FOR HIM...!
IT'S NOT FAIR!
I DON'T HAVE ANYTHING LEFT TO PROTECT, AND I'M NOT EVEN ALLOWED...
TO TAKE REVENGE FOR ALL THAT I'VE LOST!?
IF AT LEAST...
YOU TRULY...
CARED FOR ME LIKE YOU SAID...

YOU HURT KARIN.
ABAN-DONED YOUR FRIENDS.
ALL TO CLING ONTO THE PHANTASM OF YOUR BROTHER.
SWING
KOH.
I'LL NEVER FORGIVE YOU FOR THAT.

I KNOW...
THERE'S NO TELLING WHETHER HE SURVIVED AFTER THAT CAR THIEF TOOK OFF WITH HIM...
SHF...!
BUT HE HAS TO BE ALIVE!
YES!
AS LONG AS I'M ALIVE AND BELIEVE...
HE *HAS* TO BE ALIVE SOMEWHERE WITHIN THESE WALLS TOO!

I WON'T SHOW MERCY!
AND IF ANYONE TRIES TO TAKE THAT AWAY...
EVEN IF IT'S YOU TWO...

I WILL PROTECT...
THIS CITY!

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